

[Mr. A. N. Satyanesan.]

(a) the area of Forest lands leased out on Kuthagupattom in the years 1118, 1119 and 1120 respectively ;

(b) the area actually cultivated in the respective years ; and

(c) the revenue realised by Government from this source in the respective years ?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkiteswara Aiyar :

(a) 1118—5726 acres.

1119— 329 do.

1120—1668 do.

(b) 1118—3685 do.

1119—3266 do. (including 329 acres leased out in 1119).

1120—4007 do. (including 1668 acres leased in 1120).

(c) 1118—Rs. 72,033.

1119—Rs. 62,835. (This amount includes the lease amount for 1119 on the blocks leased out in 1118 also).

1120—Rs. 58,956. (This amount includes the lease amount for 1120 on the blocks leased out in 1118 and 1119 also).

Sale of timber.

41. *Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether they have set apart any percentage of the timber produced in the Forests of the State and cut and removed yearly for sale to Travancore for bonafide house construction and for agricultural building ;

(b) the total quantity of timber exported from Travancore in 1120 and the total amount of timber sold to Travancore in 1120 for purposes of house construction and agricultural buildings ; and

(c) whether they have fixed any special price for timber sold to the Travancoreans for bonafide house construction and agricultural buildings and implements ?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkiteswara Aiyar : (a) The whole of the timber cut and removed yearly from the Forests of the State is available for bonafide house construction and agricultural building.

(b) 1592451 c. ft. Particulars regarding the total quantity of timber sold in Travancore in 1120 for purposes of house construction and agricultural buildings are not available.

(c) Yes ; average auction sale rates for 3 previous auctions or tariff rate whichever is higher for buildings. For agricultural implements a very low rate is under contemplation.

Motor Tyre Factory.

42. *Mr. A. N. Satyanesan : Will the Government be pleased to state when the motor tyre factory proposed to be started in the State is expected to commence operation ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : When the requisite machinery becomes available.

Scheme to protect cocoanut industry.

43. *Mr. Paul A. Thaliath : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any scheme to protect cocoanut industry of the State from outside competition ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : The question is one of all-India interest and whenever occasions arose, this Government have urged the need for protecting the cocoanut industry against outside competition. The question is also now under the consideration of the Indian Central Cocoanut Committee on which this Government are represented.

Travancore labour in Ceylon.

44. *Mr. A. N. Satyanesan : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the number of labourers from Travancore skilled and unskilled, who are now employed in Ceylon ; and

(b) the number of Travancore labourers who have been discharged or repatriated from Ceylon from the beginning of 1945 to date ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : (a) and (b) No information is available.

Training in Fisheries.

45. *Mr. A. N. Satyanesan : Will the Government be pleased :

(a) to lay on the table a list of the candidates selected for training in Fisheries ; and

(b) to state the amount of stipend and allowances they are to receive while under training ?

Mr. C. Kumara Das : (a) There has been no selection of candidates for training in Fisheries.

(b) The question does not arise in view of the answer to (a).

India Government Fishery Training centre at Madras.

46. *Mr. A. N. Satyanesan : Will the Government be pleased to state :